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THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1901.

THE lion and the bear are still glowering at each other over the Celestial prey which both are after.

DON'T waste your breath telling an editor how to run his paper. The poor devil will be sure to find out for himself, if he lives long enough.

THE republic of Venezuela seems intent on having a difficulty with the United States over a small matter that should be equitably settled either by the Venezuelan courts or by arbitration.

AN exchange gives its friends a double-barrelled hint in the following:

It don't take much brains to run a newspaper, and we've got what little it takes to run this one; but it does take lots of money, and we haven't got quite enough of that yet to bring the paper up to the standard where it will please everybody. We know how, but we haven't got the money.

ANOTHER Morgan steamer is loading in New Orleans for a trip to this port, having "seraped" up another cargo—as the Houston Post puts it. Meanwhile a dozen or more good-sized schooners have come and gone, and come again with big cargoes from Galveston, Rockport and Corpus Christi for the Brownsville and Matamoros trade, and merchants are still complaining that they cannot get goods shipped from Galveston. If the Morgan steamers would touch at the latter port they would have all they could carry every two or three weeks, but for some mysterious cause they give the Island City a wide berth. Meanwhile the agents of the company in Houston while away their time belittling the Brownsville trade, because their steamers do not get even half of it.

CORPUS CHRISTI merchants are considering the purchase of another steamer to replace the Cumberland, in the trade between Galveston, Brownsville and Corpus Christi. It is strange that the capitalists of Brownsville do not compete with Corpus Christi in this enterprise and put on a steamer for the same trade. It would surely be a paying investment. The owners of the wrecked Cum-

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berland evidently consider it so, as the loss they incurred in the wreck of that steamer has not deterred them from undertaking the purchase of another vessel to replace her. In fact, it is estimated that a steamer costing, say \$50,000, would in a year's time pay for itself and show a handsome surplus of earnings beside. The last trip of the Morgan steamer Aransas to this port cleared not less than \$7,000 in freight. A stock company owning and controlling a suitable steamer for this trade could not fail to make good dividends, and some of our enterprising capitalists should organize a company and go into the business.

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Late News Items

Practically all the South and Central American republics have accepted the invitation to participate in the Pan American congress which will be held in Mexico City next October.

An ammunition tank exploded on board the steamship New York, on her voyage last week to the port of New York. Fifteen men were overcome by the fumes. Two of them died and were buried at sea.

Rev. Edwin Kellogg, writer of books for boys and author of "Spartanists to the Gladiators," died at Harpswell, Maine last Sunday, in his 88th year.

Great business depression exists in Japan and a general crash of business firms is predicted.

The U. S. transport Kilpatrick, with four hundred sick soldiers, arrived at San Francisco Sunday. Four privates died on the voyage.

The student riots have caused the Russian government to declare a state of siege at Odessa, Kiev and Kharkoff. Eight hundred students of St. Petersburg University refuse to attend further lectures.

King Edward has determined to hold the greatest international exposition on record in London in 1905.

The U. S. consular agent, Ignacio H. Baize, at Barcelona, Venezuela, has been arrested and imprisoned for the second time by Venezuelan officers, without adequate cause.

A New York woman was killed by a pet dog which attacked her while she was having a fit.

Li Hung Chang the great Chinese diplomatist, is seriously ill and may die.

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